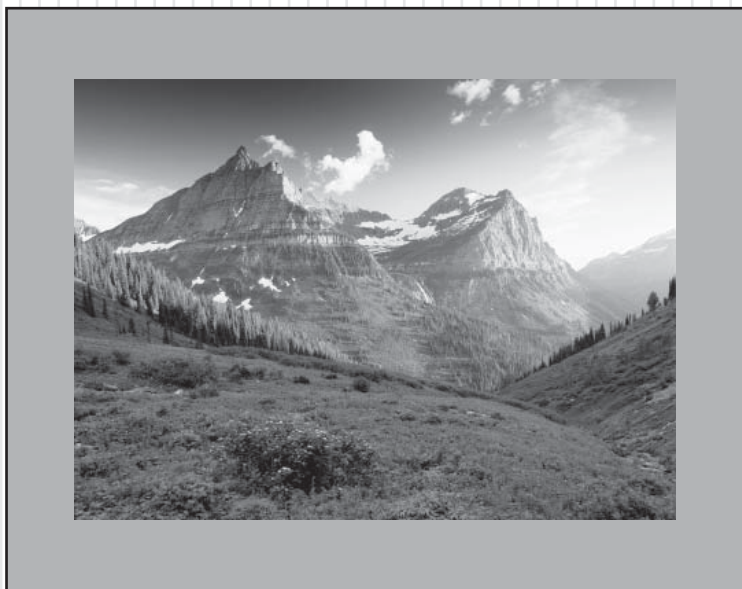


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Reading Session 3

Read this passage about a girl named Cody. Then answer the questions that follow.

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81. Explain how Cody is a good friend to Stardust. Use information from the passage to support your answer.

Scoring Guide

Score	Description
4	Response provides a thorough explanation of how Cody is a good friend to Stardust. Explanation includes specific, relevant details from the passage.
3	Response provides an explanation of how Cody is a good friend to Stardust. Explanation includes supporting details from the passage, but lacks specificity, relevance, and/or development.
2	Response provides a partial explanation of how Cody is a good friend to Stardust. Explanation includes limited details from the passage and/or is partially correct.
1	Response makes a vague or minimal statement about how Cody is a good friend to Stardust.
0	Response is totally incorrect or irrelevant.
Blank	No response.

Scoring Notes

A thorough explanation of how Cody is a good friend to Stardust may include, but need not be limited to:

- Cody devotes all her time to Stardust.
- Cody trains Stardust to come when she blows her whistle.
- Cody rewards Stardust with pieces of carrots and slices of fresh apples.
- Cody is worried about Stardust when he is made to live in the corral with the rest of the herd for the winter.
- Cody risks her safety by going out in a ferocious snowstorm to try to find Stardust.

Cody is a good friend to Stardust because she takes him out into the woods and takes him for a walk. Cody is a good friend because when Stardust hums to the wishing she gives him an apple of the apple tree and a piece of carrot. Cody is a good friend because she won't let her dad to build a barn for him but her dad said no. But she tries to keep him warm. Cody is a good friend to Stardust because when a branch fell of the apple tree Cody went for help but the boys didn't help so she set off to the canyon in search of Stardust. She went all the way up to the canyon just to find Stardust.

Cody is a good friend to Stardust because Cody feeds healthy food to Stardust she takes care of him. When Stardust gets lost in the big storm Cody was really scared but Cody got all of her snow gear on and went to go find Stardust and she did and she found the hole he'd to. Cody takes care of Stardust and cares about Stardust. When Cody first got Stardust Cody put all of her time into Stardust and was really attached to Stardust. Cody played with Sardust every day.

Why I think Cody is a good friend to Stardust is because Cody is always giving treats to Stardust. Cody always spends time with Stardust. Also she is always worried about Stardust. Also she is caring and loving to Stardust.

Score Point 1

Cody always gives Stardust treats
like apples and carrots.

ODY WAS A BUS + FRIEND
BEKUS HE WOULD CARRY
HIS FRIENDS BOOKS
FOR HIM.